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MEMORANDUM FOR ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF DEFENSE FOR SPECIAL OPERATIONS/LOW INTENSITY CONFLICT

FROM: Assistant Secretary of the Air Force (Manpower And Reserve Affairs)

SUBJECT: Illicit Drug Monitoring in Southwest Asia Theaters of Operation

The Air Force has reviewed activities being accomplished to detect illicit drug use by our personnel in Iraq and Afghanistan. We do not mandate testing for personnel in-theater because personnel are rotated every 90 days. Theater threat assessments have not been conducted to address illicit drug use among Airmen in theater.

Two command-directed urinalysis sweeps have been completed in-theater (May 02, Apr 04). Of the 243 total specimens collected, no samples were returned as positive for illicit substances. Currently, illicit substance use by Airmen in Afghanistan and Iraq does not appear to be occurring.

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